

# Program Partners



## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to apply must:

- attend a participating Lehigh County school district and be entering their senior year
- complete and submit application by **February 15**
- have an overall 3.0 or better GPA
- have completed at least one year each of high school chemistry and biology with a 3.0 or better grade point average
- have completed Trigonometry with a 3.0 or better grade point average
- have excellent attendance records, as defined by sending school district
- provide a written recommendation from high school guidance counselor and one from a chemistry teacher
- meet the academic prerequisites for the Penn State courses in which they plan to enroll, including pre-assessment testing
- an interview may be required

If accepted, participation in this program is contingent upon student submittal of all requirements, including:

- health certification signed by health care professional
- completed TB questionnaire (plus additional TB testing, if required)
- required orientation paperwork
- \$100 initial deposit, which will be applied to first tuition bill
- Students must commit to completing the entire school-year long program.

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# Emerging Health Professionals



A Pioneering Dual-Enrollment Program for Aspiring Health Professionals

The partnership of Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Penn State Lehigh Valley is *pleased to offer this pioneering dual-enrollment program which combines interactive, university-level classroom learning and observation in a health care setting.* The program is designed for high school seniors interested in the health care field and *will allow students the opportunity to explore careers in health care first-hand.* In addition, the program is designed to prepare students for post-secondary education by offering college-level science courses.

Participants in the Emerging Health Professionals Program will be offered a total of eight Penn State credits: Biology 141 Physiology & Biology 142 Physiology Lab in the fall semester, and Chemistry 110 Chemical Principles & Chemistry 111 Experimental Chemistry in the spring semester. In addition, they will be able to earn high school credit for the honors LCTI health component of the program. LCTI courses reinforce concepts taught at Penn State Lehigh Valley. This integrated model provides a strong framework for drawing connections between classroom learning and contextual, real-world application, and also for exposing students to the variety of careers in health care. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to learn from and observe health care professionals in a variety of settings within the Lehigh Valley Health Network organization. Penn State Lehigh Valley courses will be taught by PhD and Master's level science faculty. The LCTI instructor is an RN, BSN, MEd.

## SCHEDULE

Emerging Health Professionals is a half-day program that runs the duration concurrently with the school year. Students spend two half-days per week in university courses at Penn State Lehigh Valley. Students spend three half-days per week participating in an honors-level high school health curriculum with the LCTI instructor at one of the partner sites.

## RECRUITMENT AND ORIENTATION

Recruitment for Emerging Health Professionals begins with visits by program representatives to Lehigh County high schools early in the spring semester. Students selected for the program, as well as their parents/guardians, will be invited to an orientation evening prior to the commencement of the program. Orientation for participants to the Penn State Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Valley Health Network campuses will take place at the beginning of the program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Program application is available from school guidance counselors or online at [www.lcti.org](http://www.lcti.org). Applications should be submitted to LCTI. Application deadline is **February 15**. Students will be selected for participation by a committee of representatives from the three program partners. Students will be notified of the status of their application after **April 1**.

## TUITION

Participants are responsible for cost of program plus additional fees, required textbooks, cost incurred completing requirements, etc. For the 2009-2010 program, Penn State tuition and fees are approximately \$1000 per semester (4 credits), which

represents a reduced tuition rate due to the dual-enrollment status of the program. Costs are subject to change. Tuition changes become available in July of each year.

## TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to all sites, including but not limited to, Penn State Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Valley Health Network campuses.

